

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1569 - HB 1546**

March 2, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the prescription drug re-dispensing program by including pharmacies where drugs are dispensed for a nominal handling fee and charitable clinic physicians and expands the recipients of the donated drugs by including persons with an income below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Any increase in expenditures incurred by the Department of Health for changes to the program will not be significant and can be accommodated without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The cost to regulate the charitable clinic physicians will be incurred by the Board of Pharmacy and/or the Board of Medical Examiners. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources of the Boards.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy had a positive balance of \$261,783.99 and the Board of Medical Examiners had a positive balance of \$108,302.81.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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